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UDOT Opens 15 Miles of Mountain View Corridor *Roadway Includes Trails for Walking and Biking*

Salt Lake City, UT – The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) marked a significant milestone today as it opened 15 total miles of Mountain View Corridor (MVC) in Salt Lake County to the public. The opening event featured a 5K Polar Bear Fun Run to give members of the community an opportunity to enjoy the road before it opened to motorists. The celebration also featured remarks from Governor Gary Herbert, Representative Wayne Harper, West Jordan Mayor Melissa Johnson, an up close look at UDOT snowplows and music performed by the Copper Hills High School Marching Band.

“The vision for the Mountain View Corridor came from the communities in Western Salt Lake County,” said Project Director Teri Newell. “UDOT is proud to make this vision a reality and provide these communities with a new transportation solution.”

With today’s opening, the initial construction phase of MVC in Salt Lake County is complete. UDOT opened a nine-mile stretch in October from 16000 South to Old Bingham Highway. This additional six miles, from Old Bingham Highway to 5400 South, completes the 15-mile project that started in Spring 2010. Construction funds have been identified to extend MVC from 5400 South to 4100 South in the next few years. MVC will eventually extend to I-80 when additional funding becomes available.

MVC provides increased mobility, but will require motorists to adjust their driving patterns and learn how to navigate a new one-way roadway, as this initial phase is similar to a divided highway with one-way northbound and southbound roadways. Signs are posted along the corridor and at each intersection to help motorists adjust to the new traffic patterns. UDOT has also produced a navigational video with route maps that motorists can access by visiting the project website: udot.utah.gov/mountainview.

Click here to download high definition b-roll footage of today’s, courtesy of UDOT:
<http://upload.ppbh.com/data/public/c5e603bfd82d9d0b2d102433882616d4.php?lang=en>

ABOUT THE ROAD:

- The first section of MVC broke ground in April 2010 and took 32 months to complete.
- At the height of construction, MVC employed 400 Utahns.
- The current phase of MVC is 15 miles long and features two lanes built in each direction from Redwood Road (at approximately 16000 South) to 5400 South.
- The current roadway features 15 miles of trails adjacent to the corridor and 9 miles of paved bike lanes.
- MVC also features UDOT’s first radar activated bike turn signal.
- As part of the initial construction, UDOT built two lanes in each direction with signalized intersections where future interchanges will be located.
- To meet projected transportation demands in the year 2030, future construction will build out the remainder of the corridor by adding interchanges and inside lanes to achieve a fully functional freeway that will connect with I-80 in Salt Lake County and I-15 in Lehi.

MVC was built by Copper Hills Constructors, a consortium of Granite, Kiewit and W.W. Clyde.

For more information on the project and to view the latest videos and interactive map, visit the Mountain View Corridor website (udot.utah.gov/mountainview). Drivers can stay informed of future construction by following the project on [facebook.com/mountainviewcorridor](https://www.facebook.com/mountainviewcorridor) and twitter.com/udotmvc.

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